

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
January 9th, 2020 at 2:00 pm

Board of Directors Meeting

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order with prayer at 2:00 PM. Guests were asked to sign the attendance roster. The chairman provided notice that the location of the current copy of the statutes dealing with public meetings laws is located on the south wall and the booklet with the information is provided to all directors.

MATERIAL E-MAILED OUT PRIOR TO THE MEETING & HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING

Agenda

LRNRD Board Meeting, Index of Decisions, 12/19

LRNRD/RWP Treasurer's Report, 12/19

NRCS Staff Report,

Directors present: Clark Andrews, David Bartels, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS. Staff present Todd Siel, Shirlee Poyser, and Kristen Heft

Manager Todd Siel presented the 2019 Executive Committee, Representatives and Committee's.

Motion #1 by Brad Wulf seconded by Clark Andrews to accept the Executive Committee, Human Resources Committee, Scholarship Committee, LRNRD Project Committee, Republican River Diversion Project, Representatives and Alternates as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 5.

Executive Committee/Officers:

Marlin Murdoch	Chairperson
Bill Bose	Vice Chairperson
Dave Bartels	Secretary
Tim Kahrs	Treasurer

Representatives:

Roger Nelson	NARD Representative
Nelson Trambly	NARD Alternate
Brad Wulf	Trailblazer RC&D Representative
Todd Siel	Trailblazer RC&D Alternate
Brad Wulf	Rural Water District Advisory Committee Rep.
Nelson Trambly	NCORPE Representative
Tim Kahrs	NCORPE Alternate
Toby tenBensel	NRRMDA Representative
Matt Harrison	NRRMDA Alternate
Toby tenBensel	SW NE RC&D Representative
Clark Andrews	SW NE RC&D Alternate

LRNRD Project Committee:

Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel

Platte River Diversion Project: (PRDP) Representatives:

Todd Siel, Voting Member
Scott Dicke, Alternate Voting Member

Scholarship Committee:

Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Toby tenBensel, Scott Dicke, Mary Goebel

Human Resource Committee:

Clark Andrews, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch

Motion #2 by Bill Bose seconded by Clark Andrews to authorize the Lower Republican NRD Board Chairperson, Treasurer and the District's General Manager, Assistant General Manager and Administrative Bookkeeper/Assistant to sign/open/close on all LRNRD accounts and LRNRD Rural Water Accounts. Motion carried. Ayes 6, Nays 0. Absent 5.

Comments from the Public: None

Motion #3 by Matt Harrison seconded by Tim Kahrs to approve the board minutes from the December board meeting. Motion carried. Ayes 6, Nays 0. Absent 5.

Motion #4 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Brad Wulf to approve the LRNRD and RWP Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 6, Nays 0. Absent 5.

NRCS Report: Jerry Kovarik, gave the NRCS report. The NRCS report also included updates on the EQIP, CStWP contracts and the RCPP deadline.

LRNRD Staff Report: Manager Todd Siel reviewed the NRD staff report. The 2019 District-wide water usage average is 3.73" per acre. Harlan County Lake is currently at an elevation of 1,946.22 and should reach the full conservation pool level of 1,945.73 sometime next week. Water releases have dropped from 1,100 CFS to 750 CFS in the past two weeks and once the conservation pool level is reached, releases will be adjusted further. Twin Valley Weed Management completed their project of cleaning out Medicine Creek from Harry Strunk Lake to the Republican River. Trail Blazer RC&D will have a tire recycling event in Harlan County, August 12, Franklin and Webster County, August 14. They will also have an electronic recycling event on April 15-17. The Project Committee Meeting will be meeting to discuss several future projects. The first Annual Republican River Basin-Wide Plan meeting will be held February 20th in Cambridge. South-Central Water Conference is scheduled for February 6th in Holdrege.

Todd presented the LRNRD Chevy Traverse bids.

Motion #5 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Brad Wulf to approve purchasing a 2020 Traverse with trade in of the 2008 Equinox for \$26,667 from Tripe Motor, Alma. Motion carried. Ayes 6, Nays 0. Absent 5

PRD Update: None

NCORPE Update:

NARD Update: NARD Legislative Conference will be held January 27-29, 2020 in Lincoln.

Motion #6 by Clark Andrews seconded by Terry Hoit to move that the Board go into Closed Session at 3:13pm to discuss Contractual Negotiation. Motion carried. Chairman admonished the board that this is the only subject that can be discussed in closed session. Ayes 6, Nays 0. Absent 5.

Motion #7 by Terry Hoit seconded by Roger Nelson to move that the Board come out of Closed Session at 4:40pm and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried. Ayes 6, Nays 0. Absent 5.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be February 13th, 2020 at 2 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.

Secretary

Date